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The reply filed on March 24, 2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s). Amendments to claim 1 are unclear. The terms "first" and "distal" are used interchangeably. The rejections of claim 6 under 35 USC 112 second paragraph have not been overcome. It is noted that the adapter has two posts, the two posts define the ends of the adapter. Therefore, use of language such as "tapered post at the opposite end" render the claim vague and indefinite. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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